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COLORADO RIVER WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**Comment Form  
Communications Protocol  
and the Alternative Licensing Procedure  
Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project  
FERC Project Number 11880-000**

Please take a few minutes to complete this form and mail it back to the River District using the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope. Please use additional pages if you need more space for your comments.

Name: Patty Gelatt Date: 3/3/03

Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Phone: 970-243-2778

Email: Patty-Schradergelatt@fws.gov

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

No comments

(over)

Name: Patty Gelatt

Organization: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

NO

MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

No

COLORADO RIVER WATER  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

☒ YES

☐ NO

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

### Kremmling Field Office

2103 E. Park Ave.

P.O. Box 68

Kremmling, Colorado 80459

970-724-3000

<http://www.co.blm.gov/kra/kraindex.htm>



IN REPLY REFER TO:

CO-120

March 6, 2003

James F. Pearce, Project Manager  
Colorado River Water Conservation District  
P O Box 1120  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

Dear Mr. Pearce:

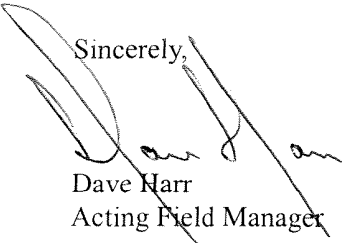
Enclosed is the copy of the Comment Form for the Communications Protocol and Use of the Alternative Licensing Procedure for the Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project (FERC Project No. 11880-000).

I request that the Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling Field Office, remain on the project distribution list for the Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project licensing process. We would like to have the opportunity to review any environmental documents prepared for this project, in order to evaluate any impacts on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management.

The Kremmling Field Office administers right-of-way COC-45805, which includes the Ritschard Dam and portions of the Wolford Reservoir. We need to be involved in any activity taking place in this area and review any changes to this right-of-way. The right-of-way includes special conditions for the operation and maintenance of the Ritschard Dam and Wolford Reservoir. These special conditions include a mitigation plan, specifically for the protection of wetland resources and wildlife habitat.

If you have any questions or require any information, as you proceed with this project, the contact for this office is Madeline Dzielak.

Sincerely,

  
Dave Harr  
Acting Field Manager

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Name: Dave Harr, Acting Field Manager

Date: March 6, 2003

Organization: Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling Field Office

Phone: 970-724-3009

Email: dave\_harr@co.blm.gov

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

Under Item B and C, first bullet, I am not aware of a Grand County Tribune.  
There are four newspapers in Grand County. West Grand County is the Middle  
Park Times. Other Grand County newspapers are the Sky-Hi News, Winter Park  
Manifest and Grand Lake Prospector.

On the project distribution list, please change Linda Cross Area Manager to  
Field Manager, and remove Linda's name. Also in the second line of the address,  
after Kremmling Field Office, add BLM.

(over)

Name: Dave Harr, Acting Field Manager

Organization: Bureau of Land Management, Kremmling Field Office

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

☒ YES

☐ NO

☐ MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Name: Bill McKee Date: 3/10/03  
Organization: Department of Public Health & Environment - Water Quality  
Phone: 303-692-3583  
Email: bill.mckee@state.co.us

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

Protocol is fine. For clarification, are the coordination meetings shown in the protocol designed to be for issues scoping? It talks about "draft environmental assessment" but it is not clear how issues for the EA will be identified and scoped.

(over)



Name: Bill McCre

Organization: CDPHE-WQCD

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Name: Andrew M. Ross, for Mark Pither Date: 3/10/03

Organization: Colorado Water Quality Control Division (WQCD)

Phone: 303-692-3540

Email: ~~ross~~ andrew.ross@state.co.us

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

It may be appropriate to add communications  
with WQCD staff to the public record as  
this project will require a Clean Water Act  
Section 401 Water Quality Certification.

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Organization: WACP

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

**YES**

NO

## MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

The timing of the 401 Certification Public Notice period will need to be determined by the River District and WQCD.

# STATE OF COLORADO

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Gregory E. Sopkin, Chairman  
Polly Page, Commissioner  
Jim Dyer, Commissioner  
Bruce N. Smith, Director

## Department of Regulatory Agencies

Richard F. O'Donnell  
Executive Director



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Governor

March 11, 2003

Colorado River Water Conservation District  
Suite #200  
201 Centennial Street  
P.O. Box 1120  
Glenwood Springs, Co 81602

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COLORADO RIVER WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Dear Mr. Pearce:

I am writing in response to your letter of February 28, 2003 and our telephone conversation of March 10, 2003. During our phone conversation, you stated that the Colorado River Water Conservation District (the "District") plans to use the electricity generated from the project for wholesale sales. As such, the project would not be under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"). However, as you near the completion of the preliminary feasibility phase of the project, you may wish to visit our website at [www.dora.state.co.us](http://www.dora.state.co.us) to view current regulations.

As to whether the Colorado River Water Conservation District should approach the licensing process with FERC through a *traditional* approach or through the use of an *alternative* approach, the CPUC offers no opinion. Since the project as currently envisioned does not require CPUC involvement, we believe it would be inappropriate for the CPUC to suggest how the District should proceed.

If you have further questions, feel free to contact me at (303) 894-2537.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Podein", written over a horizontal line.

Sharon Podein  
Engineer III

1580 Logan Street, Office Level 2, Denver, Colorado 80203, 303-894-2000

[www.dora.state.co.us/puc](http://www.dora.state.co.us/puc)  
Permit and Insurance (Outside Denver) 1-800-888-0170  
TTY Users 711 (Relay Colorado)  
Consumer Affairs 303-894-2070

Consumer Affairs (Outside Denver) 1-800-456-0858  
Hearing Info 303-894-2025  
Transportation Fax 303-894-2071  
Fax 303-894-2065

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Name: Stanley W. Cazier

Date: 3/13/03

Organization: Middle Park Water Conservancy District

Phone: (970) 887-3376

Email: cazier mcgowan@hotmail.com

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

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Name: Stanley W. Cazier

Organization: Middle Park Water Conservancy District

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

NO

MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

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MAR 17 2003  
COLORADO RIVER WATER  
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Please take a few minutes to complete this form and mail it back to the River District using the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope. Please use additional pages if you need more space for your comments.

Date: 3/14/03

Phone: 970-248-0652

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES            NO            MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

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Name: KEVIN Urie

Organization: DENVER WATER

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

NO

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED OF THE PROJECT PROGRESS.

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Name: JIM CERVENKA Date: 3/18/03

Organization: TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

Phone: 970-627-3435

Email: grandlake@rkymtnhi.com

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

Can written minutes, communications, etc also  
be published "on-line" with e-mail notification  
of their availability?

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Name: JIM CERVENKA

Organization: TOWN OF GRAND LAKE

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

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Name: Don Van Wormer

Date: 3-20-03

Organization: Town of Kremmling

Phone: 970-724-3249

Email: kremmar@bce@2k/mtnhi.com

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

The town favors the "alternative" licensing  
approach and desires to a part of the  
information loop to review and comment  
as needed

(over)

Name: Don Van Wolfer

Organization: Town of Klemming

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

NO

MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

Questions will arise as part of the process and the Town has more information to review and discuss among staff and elected officials.

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Name: David Nickum

Date: 3/22/03

Organization: Colorado Trout Unlimited

Phone: 303-440-2937

New address: 1320 Pearl St, suite 320  
Boulder, CO 80302

Email: dnickum@tu.org

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

Under E, Written Communications, your proposed protocol states that "all written communications that are appropriate" will go into the reference files. This begs the question: what communications are appropriate or inappropriate, who decides, and how? IF some documents will not be put into the public record some fuller explanation is needed.

(over)

Name: David Nickum

Organization: Colorado Trout Unlimited

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

NO

MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

Yes. CTU's interest is in the aquatic resources, particularly the tailwater fishery. The magnitude and timing of releases could have significant effects on the fishery.

You should consider establishing 'working groups' of stakeholders and agency / River District staff to deal with distinct issues - such an approach may help you get the input and buy in you seek in a more focused way. Possible groups may be aquatic resources, recreation, power infrastructure, etc.



## Comment Form

## Communications Protocol

## and the Alternative Licensing Procedure

## Ritschard Dam Unit Water Power Project

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Please take a few minutes to complete this form and mail it back to the River District using the enclosed self addressed and stamped envelope. Please use additional pages if you need more space for your comments.

Name: Board of County Commissioners

Date: 3/27/03

Organization: Grand County

Phone: 970/725-3347

Email: [grndctyl@co.grand.co.us](mailto:grndctyl@co.grand.co.us)

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

Somewhere in this process the Colorado River Water Conservation District needs to make application for a 1041 and special use permit amendment. It is assumed that the requirements of any amendment approved would need to be included in some step in this process.

(over)

Name: Board of County Commissioners

Organization: Grand County

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

YES

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

The Colorado River Water Conservation District needs to stay in close contact  
with the Grand County Planning Department throughout this process and be ready  
to make application for amendment to the 1041 and special use permits for  
review by the Grand County Planning Department, Board of County Commissioners,  
and the Permit Authority.

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Name: CURTIS

Organization: COE

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

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# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Great Plains Region  
P.O. Box 36900  
Billings, Montana 59107-6900

IN REPLY REFER TO:

GP-2400  
PRJ-18.00

APR 17 2003

Mr. James Pearce, P.E.  
Project Manager  
Colorado River Water Conservation District  
P.O. Box 1120  
Glenwood Springs, CO 81602

Subject: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Alternate License Procedure, Wolford Mountain Reservoir, Colorado

Dear Mr. Pearce:

This is in reply to your letter of February 28, 2003, to Wolford Mountain Reservoir stakeholders concerning the proposed Wolford Mountain Hydroelectric project. In the letter, you requested acceptance of the FERC Alternative Licensing Procedure, Communications Protocol, and submittal of a comment form on the draft Communications Protocol.

The Bureau of Reclamation does not have any objections to the alternate licensing procedure at this time. I request you keep Reclamation informed as the project progresses. Reclamation would be concerned with this project if it would result in changes of the flow regime downstream of the Wolford Mountain Reservoir.

Thank you for contacting us regarding this issue. Please address any subsequent correspondence to me and Brian Person, Area Manager, Eastern Colorado Area Office, EC-1000, 110 W. County Road 18E, Loveland, Colorado 80537-9711.

Sincerely,

Maryanne C. Bach  
*Acting* Regional Director

Copy to persons on next page.

cc: Mr. Rick L. Gold  
Regional Director  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Upper Colorado Regional Office, UC-100  
125 South State Street, Room 6107  
Salt Lake City, UT 84138-1102

Ms. Carol DeAngelis  
Area Manager  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Western Colorado Area Office, WCG-CDeAngelis  
2764 Compass Drive, Suite 106  
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Mr. Brian Person  
Area Manager  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Eastern Colorado Area Office, EC-1000  
11056 W. County Road 18E  
Loveland, CO 80537-9711

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Name: Kevin Lusk

Date: 4-23-03

Organization: Colorado Springs Utilities

Phone: (719) - 668-8719

Email: (719)-668-3990

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
(0 = none, 5 = high)

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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

The protocol looks to be clear and concise. As  
our level of interest will be relatively low, we will  
likely participate in more of a monitoring role. As such,  
we have no further comments or suggestions at  
this time.

We would prefer communication via e-mail. Please  
use my address & that of Philip Saletta's. These  
are KLusk@CSU.org and PSaletta@CSU.org.

Thank you.

(over)

Name: Kevin LuskOrganization: Colorado springs utilities

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

☒ YES

NO

MAYBE

If No or Maybe, please explain.

Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

Colorado Springs Utilities supports the development of this  
hydropower unit so long as it is run as a "run-of-the-river"  
type facility, and so long as the operation of this facility  
would not impair the ability of Colorado Springs  
to make full use of the contemplated 1750 Af substitution  
account in Wolford Mtn. Reservoir. This 1750 Af substitution account  
is part of the Dafs Colorado Springs Substitution agreement that  
will be finalized in the spring of 2003.

As the owner and operator of several of our own hydro electric  
facilities, we support the concept of "run-of-river" hydro facilities.



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Name: George Smith

Date: 4/24/03

Organization: USFWS

Phone: 303-236-5322 ex 235

Email: george.smith@fws.gov

Please indicate what you feel your level of interest and involvement will be in this project:  
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Please provide your comments and suggestions on the draft Communications Protocol:

The protocol is a vast improvement over the way FERC has  
operated in the past.

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Name: George Smith

Organization: U.S.F.W.S

Do you feel that the alternative licensing procedure is appropriate for this project?

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If No or Maybe, please explain.

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Do you have questions regarding the project? Would you like the River District to contact you? If so, please indicate below:

Just keep us on the mailing list

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